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Do All Speak With Tongues?

E. C. CLARK, Editor

"And these signs shall follow them that believe, in my name shall they cast out devils: they shall speak with new tongues. They shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them, they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:17-18.

I have at hand a little booklet written by Rev. P. P. Belew, an opposer of the Pentecostal baptism of the Holy Ghost, who has cunningly tried to slip out of the Biblical evidences of "other tongues" when the Holy Ghost is received, by saying, instead of the rendering "These signs shall follow them that believe," it should have been "these signs shall follow those having believed," which, says he, "would apply it to the first disciples of Christ rather than to His later followers." He makes the basis of his claims on the fact that the verb "believe" is written in the Greek as an aorist participle. But he overlooks the fact that "He who believeth and is baptized" is also an aorist participle, and according to his rule of translation, baptism would only have applied to the disciples of Christ before Pentecost, and would necessarily annul the command "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," which command could not have been done away with, without doing violence to the Scriptures. Surely it is better to let the Word of God alone than to tinker with and try to dodge the plain truth of the situation.

"These signs" were to follow those that believe, and certainly it was for the future, as is plain by verse fifteen of this same chapter, which contains the command "go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." And this ministry was not to begin until the Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost. As you will see by the last verses of this chapter, the above command to evangelize the world was given before Pentecost.

And the result of this world-wide evangelism is that, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be condemned." "And these signs shall follow them that believe" is the result of the faith of those that believe, and it is enjoined unto the believers by the conjunction "and" which is a conjunction to those that believe the preaching of the apostles instead of to the apostles themselves.

Jesus did not say these signs would follow the apostles, but "those that believe," as a result of their preaching. "A tree is known by his fruit." "Like begets like" and the mighty baptism of the Holy Spirit in the apostles demanded a fruit of like nature as was in themselves. This was the outflowing of "other tongues," "casting out devils," "healing the sick" and all such signs as are here mentioned.

"He who believeth and is baptized, shall be saved," is in the future, indicative, passive voice of the verb "save." "And these signs shall follow them that believe" is also in the future, indicative passive voice of the verb "follow." Therefore, in each instance they are translated, "shall be," etc.

"When He had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease." Matt. 10:1. "After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two by two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come." Luke 10:1. "And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Luke 10: 18, 19.

Jesus gave the very same power and commission to the other seventy, as He did unto the "twelve." The reader will do well to read each commission. In Matthew the

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Notices

To the Church of God, West Florida District—Pensacola, Stone Chapel, Holmes Valley: Greetings.

Time is surely passing rapidly from us. It seems only a few weeks since we attended the greatest Assembly of the Church of God, which convened at Chattanooga, Tenn. Again, it seems such a short time since we started a new year for the Lord and His Church. But already five months have gone into history, and only about two months more and the great camp meeting at Wimauma, Fla., state camp ground will be in full swing, if the Lord tarries.

Many victories have been won for the Lord, and a goodly number have been saved from ALL sin, sanctified by the blood of the precious Son of God, baptized with the mighty Holy Ghost and fire, added to the great Church of God. Some have fallen out by the way. others who have but recently started, have been swallowed up by the sorrows of the present world. But let us not be discouraged, God is still on the throne, and His great work moves on. Paul's heart was grieved within him, as ours is, when he saw many turning away. Turn to 2 Tim. 4:10, "For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world." Pass on to verse 14, "Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil." Now there are still many who are of the Demas and Alexander class, but let us press on; there are still greater victories to be won.

Winter seems to be over and Spring is here, and altho we have been hindered by adverse weather conditions and also much sickness, let us now launch out for a double quick, triple powered drive for more and greater revivals, and an army of new recruits for the Lord and His church. Every one must be at his best. All strife and division must be laid aside, and perfect harmony, unity and love must prevail. The secret of the great success of the early church was the "one-accordness mentioned so many times in the Acts of the Apostles; and the secret of this unity is found in the fact of their "much prayer and fasting."

I wish to make a special appeal to all members, both ministers and laity, that we put on a special drive for more 'prayer,' 'fasting,' 'consecration and obedience,' and a greater spirit of loyalty to the Church of God and her teachings. Remember that all the rulings and ordinances of the Church of God are found in the Bible, and when you obey church rules you are only obeying the Lord's commands. Remember the world is rejoicing on its way to destruction; souls by the billions are being swept on to an endless eternity of woe and misery. The Lord has said that if we fail to warn them their blood will be required of us. We must get under the burden for them, we must love and pity them, and win them for the Lord.

REMEMBER, there can be no revivals, or progressiveness in church and Sunday School until somebody gets under the load. It is said that in unity there is strength; and the greater the unity, the greater the strength. And the greater the number of intercessors in prayer, the greater the victories that will be won. It took the whole church at Jerusalem to pray Peter out of the prison and think what a loss it would have meant to them and to us, had they failed in their prayer mission. See Acts 12.

God has said that the people who do know Him, shall be strong and do exploits. There is only one way to know Him, and that is to live in the light of His presence continually. As Jacob wrestled all night with the angel, he said, "I WILL NOT let thee go except thou bless me." Much depends on the 'will' for either right or wrong. If we 'will' for a blessing, we 'will' receive it; if for the wrong, it 'will' mean defeat. Jacob 'willed' for the right, and God blessed him there, and gave him a name that meant that he had 'power' with God, and had prevailed with men.

The greatest need in the church today is 'prevailing power.' In the time of Hezekiah's reign, they may have become slack or careless about watching, and when the enemy surrounded them they were wholly unprepared for it. Hezekiah sent unto Isaiah and said, "This is a time of rebuke and trouble and blasphemy, for the children are come to birth and there is not strength to bring forth." 2 Kings 19:3. This is exactly the prevailing condition today: conviction on the people, but not sufficient to get them into the altar. Others in the altar and a lack of power to pray them through. Turn to Isa. 66:8, "For as soon as Zion (the Church of God) travailed, she brought forth her children." Turn again to Gal. 4:19. Listen to Paul, "My little children, of whom I travail in birth again UNTIL Christ be formed in you." A travailing prayer will bring results. Revivals will break out over night and the earth will be made to bring forth and yield itself to its Creator.

Are you going to the camp meeting? Perhaps you have not thought so much about it; but with only about two months ahead of us we should now begin to make preparations for this great feast. Write J. M. Baldree of the Church of God at Wimauma, Fla., for information as to rooms and cottages for camping. Let all who possibly can make the sacrifice, attend this great meeting, as we will want to make the best representation there of any previous year. Let all pastors and workers bring a list of their work up to that time—number saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost and added to the church. Also what your church has done for missions, orphanage, the aged ministers' fund, state camp ground fund; also report of Sunday Schools.

Wishing one and all, the richest and best of the Lord's mercies, I am, faithfully, T. P. Douglas, district pastor.

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Report of Tennessee Sunday Schools: There were ten Sunday Schools in Tennessee that reported for January and February. We are pleased with this number for a start and believe that we will eventually have all reporting. We insist that all superintendents see to it that your Sunday Schools make reports to us the last of each month. The state attendance banner has been awarded to the Sunday School at East Chattanooga, which wins with an increase of forty-three per cent in February. The Sunday School of North Chattanooga has on an attendance drive, and the effect so far is very gratifying. Let all the schools move out with real campaigns for increase.—Yours for the Sunday School cause, E. L. Simmons, State S. S. Supt., 407 Bell Ave., N. Chattanooga, Tenn.

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REVIVAL AT THE AUDITORIUM

The best revival Cleveland has had for a good while is now in progress at the Auditorium. It is connected with the close of Bible Training School. The meeting has been going five nights and there have been thirteen converted, three sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, from thirty to forty at the altar of prayer. Houston R. Morehead, pastor at Knoxville, Tenn., is doing the preaching assisted by J. H. Walker, superintendent, Prof. R. R. Walker, pastor of the local church, and M. P. Cross, state overseer. The best spirit prevails in our midst I have ever witnessed during my stay in Cleveland. Brother Morehead is a speaker of no mean ability and his service is greatly appreciated both by the Bible School and the local church.

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INTERNATIONAL STRIFE

Webb Miller, European news manager of the United Press, states the following: "Europe is preparing for war. All nations are rearming," millions of Europe are asking questions about the next war but they cannot be answered. Ques. No. 1. Is an European war coming? A. It seems inevitable eventually, barring a miracle. That is the reason why every European nation is arming on unprecedented scale. Question No. 2. When will the next war come? A. My guess is not sooner than five years, but probably within ten. H. G. Wells guesses 1940, General Eric Lutendorf, suggested commander of new German military machine, says within a year. David Lloyd George states within ten years. Edouard Denes, veteran foreign minister of Czechoslovakia thinks that 1935 will decide the fate of Europe. Premier Benito Mussolini said that war may break out any time. Lord Cecil admits we seem to be drifting toward war. "I have no formula for peace," said Sir Austin Chamberlain, war cabinet member. Nicholas Roosevelt, former United States minister to Hungary, said today, March 23rd, at Chicago, "Germany rearmament has made war inevitable in Europe by 1940."

"The map of the Balkans, like the map of the rest of Europe," said he, "was redrawn after the World war, but those nations that lost territory have never given up their ambition to regain it." Roosevelt scoffed at the idea that Germany does not want war.

It is unfortunate that these nations do not recognize the providence of God in the administration of world affairs. The solution of peace does not lie in the regulation of social problems nor can it be possible that culture and scientific learning will avert war. The cause of war originates out of the greed or desire of nations who are not independent to make themselves such. Those nations which have wealth and products incident to their maintenance are most peaceable. These are particularly America, France and England. To protect themselves from starvation and encroachment other nations scramble for the mastery thru war.

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THE FAILURE OF COMMUNISM

Keith L. Brooks writing in Prophecy passes valuable information concerning the actual conditions of Russia as furnished by Dr. Kenneth Duncan, professor of Economics at Pomona College, (Cal.) The cities may be a little better off than before the revolution, but I believe the rural districts are in far worse condition. The inefficiency and waste in the factories and other city plants are due not to the lethargy nor the unwillingness of workers, but rather to the fact that the new city population, made up, to a large extent, of peasants, finds it difficult to adjust itself to new conditions. Private property is practically unknown in Russia, showing how fires of hatred against Stalin and Kalanin are smouldering. Isaac Levine, a noted newspaper correspondent, tells of the recent communistic congress at Kremlin which he attended.

Stalin was on the platform. His lieutenant, Kaganovitch, was in the chair. More than a thousand deputies to this all-highest convention from all over the Soviet Union were on the floor.

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TITUS, Ga.—Dear saints, just a note of praise from Hightower. I praise God because He sent messengers this way to preach holiness. I am just delighted in this way. I thank God for giving me full salvation. We have a little church of twenty members with many others looking this way. I ask all the saints to help me pray that God will convict them of their sins and bring them in. Oh, how we do need to hold up the blood stained banner of Jesus. I want to stay humble at the feet of Jesus.—A sister in Christ, Lula Dover.

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MORGANTON, Ga.—We praise God for the way He has blessed us here. The church was left without a pastor or church building but some held on to God in prayer until He answered and sent Brother Thad Puckett here to pastor the work for us. We began to work and now have a new church house, held our first service in it Jan. 16th. God has been with us and has given us one good revival since the Assembly. We have had great opposition but the Lord is working and the truth is going forth. Thank God for victory! We are glad for a faithful few. We have some who have been loyal to the Church. Please pray for us and the church here that we will be faithful unto Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.—Your brother in Christ, Carl Meers.

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ALBANY, Ga.—Dear Evangel readers, I praise my Savior, He has done so much for me. I have had the blessing nearly six years and the many things He has done for me and the blessings I've enjoyed I'll never be able to tell. I praise Him for the many good messages and testimonies I read in the Evangel. It is food to my soul. I thank God for the work here in Albany. Though it seems small, we are looking for greater things just ahead and believe God for a real old time, Pentecost revival. Souls are coming to the altar most every service now. We praise Him for our dear pastor, Brother J. W. Culpepper. He is a real shepherd to the flock. Pray for the work here. —Estelle Dowling.

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UNICOI, Tenn.—I praise the dear Lord for the good revival we had here in December, 1934. Nine were saved, four sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. Our pastor, Brother Charlie Burkett, and his sister were in charge of the revival. We surely love our pastor and believe he is a good man. We love our state overseer, Brother Cross. We surely hope he will visit us again this year. Pray much for the church at this place. Pray that many souls may see this way and come to the Lord before it is too late. Pray that husband and I will get closer to the Lord and do more this year than ever before.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. D. H. Linville.

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BLACKSBURG, S. C.—We have closed one of the best revivals here that the Church of God at Blacksburg has ever witnessed. The meeting began Dec. 25th and continued thru Jan. 13th with Brothers George Cooper and Dennis Childers doing the preaching. I don't think there was a service that the Holy Ghost did not witness. Messages of warning were given out and interpreted. The Lord seemed to just open up heaven at times and pour out His blessings. People were drawn to the altar under the mighty power of God. We thank God for this wonderful revival which closed with the devil being defeated. Twenty-six were saved, eighteen sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost and eight added to the church. Pray that we will stay humble and where God can use us.—Ruth Childers, clerk.

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FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. — I praise God for good old time religion and for a blessed revival held here. God surely did bless in a wonderful way. Twelve were saved, five sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and two added to the church. Brother W. I. Bass and his band conducted the revival for us. Any minister desiring a revival will do well to secure Brother Bass and band. He brings his messages in such a simple way and the good music and singing by his band is so much enjoyed by all who attend. We thank God for their godly lives and the way they conduct themselves. They made many friends. We look forward to the time we can have them back with us. A warm welcome awaits them. We pray God's blessings on them. Pray much for our work as it is a newly organized church.—N. A. Cagle, pastor.

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WILKES BARRE, Pa.—We are praising God for His goodness to us. He placed this city on our hearts over a year before we finally obeyed Him and came. We were like so many today, afraid to step out on God's promises. After three days of searching we found the place God wanted us; in a lovely large storeroom with heat furnished and all newly painted. We moved in. We didn't have anything except our clothes so we asked God to send us the things we needed. In a few hours God began answering prayer

It truly is wonderful to serve a prayer hearing and answering God. He surely supplies our needs.

People here are in search for the right thing. There are missions and churches here too numerous to mention, every kind of doctrine. There are many little bands of Holy Ghost filled people here and they are without a shepherd. What they need is the real Bible government. They are coming out to the services and God is with us and is blessing.

We desire the prayers of God's people to stand back of us here that He will send us a mighty revival and make this a real soul-saving station. If God lays it on any one's heart to come and help us, obey God, for workers are needed here and the harvest is ripe. We especially need some one

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TITUS, Ga.—Dear saints, just a note of praise from Hightower. I praise God because He sent messengers this way to preach holiness. I am just delighted in this way. I thank God for giving me full salvation. We have a little church of twenty members with many others looking this way. I ask all the saints to help me pray that God will convict them of their sins and bring them in. Oh, how we do need to hold up the blood stained banner of Jesus. I want to stay humble at the feet of Jesus.—A sister in Christ, Lula Dover.

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MORGANTON, Ga.—We praise God for the way He has blessed us here. The church was left without a pastor or church building but some held on to God in prayer until He answered and sent Brother Thad Puckett here to pastor the work for us. We began to work and now have a new church house, held our first service in it Jan. 16th. God has been with us and has given us one good revival since the Assembly. We have had great opposition but the Lord is working and the truth is going forth. Thank God for victory! We are glad for a faithful few. We have some who have been loyal to the Church. Please pray for us and the church here that we will be faithful unto Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.—Your brother in Christ, Carl Meers.

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ALBANY, Ga.—Dear Evangel readers, I praise my Savior, He has done so much for me. I have had the blessing nearly six years and the many things He has done for me and the blessings I've enjoyed I'll never be able to tell. I praise Him for the many good messages and testimonies I read in the Evangel. It is food to my soul. I thank God for the work here in Albany. Though it seems small, we are looking for greater things just ahead and believe God for a real old time, Pentecost revival. Souls are coming to the altar most every service now. We praise Him for our dear pastor, Brother J. W. Culpepper. He is a real shepherd to the flock. Pray for the work here. —Estelle Dowling.

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UNICOI, Tenn.—I praise the dear Lord for the good revival we had here in December, 1934. Nine were saved, four sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. Our pastor, Brother Charlie Burkett, and his sister were in charge of the revival. We surely love our pastor and believe he is a good man. We love our state overseer, Brother Cross. We surely hope he will visit us again this year. Pray much for the church at this place. Pray that many souls may see this way and come to the Lord before it is too late. Pray that husband and I will get closer to the Lord and do more this year than ever before.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. D. H. Linville.

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BLACKSBURG, S. C.—We have closed one of the best revivals here that the Church of God at Blacksburg has ever witnessed. The meeting began Dec. 25th and continued thru Jan. 13th with Brothers George Cooper and Dennis Childers doing the preaching. I don't think there was a service that the Holy Ghost did not witness. Messages of warning were given out and interpreted. The Lord seemed to just open up heaven at times and pour out His blessings. People were drawn to the altar under the mighty power of God. We thank God for this wonderful revival which closed with the devil being defeated. Twenty-six were saved, eighteen sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost and eight added to the church. Pray that we will stay humble and where God can use us.—Ruth Childers, clerk.

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FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. — I praise God for good old time religion and for a blessed revival held here. God surely did bless in a wonderful way.Twelve were saved, five sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and two added to the church. Brother W. I. Bass and his band conducted the revival for us. Any minister desiring a revival will do well to secure Brother Bass and band. He brings his messages in such a simple way and the good music and singing by his band is so much enjoyed by all who attend. We thank God for their godly lives and the way they conduct themselves. They made many friends. We look forward to the time we can have them back with us. A warm welcome awaits them. We pray God's blessings on them. Pray much for our work as it is a newly organized church.—N. A. Cagle, pastor.

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WILKES BARRE, Pa.—We are praising God for His goodness to us. He placed this city on our hearts over a year before we finally obeyed Him and came. We were like so many today, afraid to step out on God's promises. After three days of searching we found the place God wanted us; in a lovely large storeroom with heat furnished and all newly painted. We moved in. We didn't have anything except our clothes so we asked God to send us the things we needed. In a few hours God began answering prayer

It truly is wonderful to serve a prayer hearing and answering God. He surely supplies our needs.

People here are in search for the right thing. There are missions and churches here too numerous to mention, every kind of doctrine. There are many little bands of Holy Ghost filled people here and they are without a shepherd. What they need is the real Bible government. They are coming out to the services and God is with us and is blessing.

We desire the prayers of God's people to stand back of us here that He will send us a mighty revival and make this a real soul-saving station. If God lays it on any one's heart to come and help us, obey God, for workers are needed here and the harvest is ripe. We especially need some one

who can play some instrument and sing. If you are willing to suffer for God's great cause, come on. Any one desiring to correspond with us we will be glad to hear from you.—Yours in the Master's service, Brother and Sister Wm. Gindlesperger and Sister Tressler, 578 S. Main St., Wilkes Barre, Pa.

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INKSTER, Mich.—The church was set in order here in November, 1934, by our state overseer, Brother D. G. Phillips, with eight members, but praise the Lord, at the close of the revival held by Brother and Sister P. P. Carpenter of Midvale, Ohio, our membership increased to thirty-six, seven of which were by transfer, twenty-one were new members. Five were saved and four filled with the Holy Ghost. The Sunday School and church in general have been built up. The church certainly appreciates Brother and Sister Carpenter and feel they have done a great work for the church. Brother Carpenter is a good preacher and Sister Carpenter helps with her Spirit-filled singing and music. — Your brother in Christ, J. D. Conrad, pastor.

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CORONA, Calif.—Just a word from California! God is blessing in all our services. Our pastor, Brother Hartvikson, is a man of God and a true shepherd. We are proud of our state overseer, Brother Webb, also Sister Webb. We feel that they are just two of us. We thank God for them. Pray for us and pray that the work will grow in California.—Your brother in Christ, F. A. Geith, Deacon.

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LIBERTY, Miss.—We have a little church established here in Amite County, the only church in this county. We can give Brother Brooks credit and God the glory. We love Brother Brooks and family. He surely did work hard for the little church which is a brush arbor at present but we hope to have a building some day. We are proud of our church and want to see it grow and believe it will. Brother T. M. McClendon, the state overseer, set the church in order April 24, 1934, with ten members, now we have seventeen, for which we thank the Lord. Brother O. L. McManous, Brother S. S. Monroe, Brother and Sister Alexander, and others came over and helped Brother Brooks. We learned to love all of them and ask them to come back to help in the revival this summer, if the Lord is willing. We lost Brother Brooks for our pastor this year but the Lord sent us Brother and Sister Scruggs, for which we are very thankful. We believe they are true children of God. We ask each church in the state to earnestly pray for this little church at Busy Corner. The members are few and scattered, some are children, so pray for us. We need your prayers. —M. D. Larimore, Rt. 1 A.

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SPECIAL

EDGEWOOD, Tex.—I praise the dear Lord for the revival held at Lone Chapel near Edgewood. Our new pastor, Brother George Whitfield, did the preaching. We thank God for him as we believe he is a man of God. Two were saved, three sanctified and filled with the good Holy Ghost, and three added to the church. The meeting closed with sacrament and feet washing. The dear Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Saints, pray for us at this place for we surely need your prayers. Pray for the Lord to keep me in the center of His will.—A sister in Christ, Bulah Sims, clerk, Rt. 2.

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WILLIAMSBURG, Pa.—I praise the Lord for the good revival meeting held here in Williamsburg, Pa., Dec. 3-30, 1935. During this meeting thirty-two were saved, fourteen sanctified, thirteen baptized with the Holy Ghost, nine baptized in water and thirteen added to the church. There was a good attendance all thru the meeting and the last Sunday night of the meeting the church building would not hold the crowd. The power of the Lord was manifested at times in a mighty way. Sometimes there would be no preaching but God would give the altar call and the altar would be filled with seekers. Sister Rose Lucia was the evangelist for this meeting and she has won the favor of all classes of people in this community. Her return to Williamsburg would be hailed with pleasure by both the church and outsiders.

The work in Pennsylvania seems to be opening up good. Brother C. H. Blankenship, our state overseer, is putting his heart and time into the work and is fast winning his way into the hearts of the people. Please pray for us.—Respectfully submitted, E. P. Kimball, pastor.

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GRACE TO OVERCOME

LOUISA, Ky.—In October, 1934, God sent Brothers Hardwick, Noel, Porters, Meeks and some other brothers and sisters down to Louisa, Ky. That is where I got my light on the Bible, praise His Holy name. I have been seeking for the baptism of the Holy Ghost since that time. We had a wonderful revival while they were here. A church was set in order with fourteen members. Pray much that God will strengthen the little church as we have many fighters. God has blessed us with a wonderful pastor, Brother E. R. Noel.

If God permits and the way is open I want to attend the Bible School next year. For the past three years I have been out of school, my eyes gave me so much trouble and I had a nervous breakdown and had to drop my school work. Now I am in school in Butler District in West Virginia. God has blessed me wonderfully so far. Pray that God will heal my body, save my brothers and sisters and open the way so that I may attend Bible School next year. May God bless all the Evangel family is my prayer.—Your sister in Christ, Martha Preece.

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REQUESTS

We are in a revival and the Lord is blessing. Two have been saved and one sanctified. We are expecting a great harvest here. I have a very special request about which I wish all the saints would pray.—Yours in the Master's service, D. L. Dovenbarger, Pickens, S. C.

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Pray for my husband. Two doctors told him he was threatened heavy with paralysis. He has bad heart trouble. I feel like Jesus is the only one we have to go to in a time of sickness. He has helped me and family so many times.—Mrs. Sam Trapp, Waynesboro, Tenn.

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Please pray pray that the Lord will heal my body if it is His will. Pray a special prayer for two of my brothers-in-law to be healed.—A sister in Christ, Lora Dowd, Cobbtown, Ga.

Declares Boys and Girls are Lured Into Vice

Charging that birth control aids are sold at the doors of every high school in Ontario; that children smoke from the ages of eight and nine upwards, and that immorality was rife in the schools of the province, M. A. Sorsoleil, deputy minister of warfare, recently delivered an impassioned challenge to the church to make some effort to remedy these conditions.

"Children coming into our boys' and girls' industrial schools have often been smoking from the age of eight and nine," he said. "They go outside hotels and walk along in the streets, to pick up cigarette butts. Boys and girls leave for church and collect cigarette butts from the gutter there and back, which they treasure carefully. Heaven knows what dirty mouth they were in before.

"Groups then hide around their homes or around the school grounds with a guard on watch all the time, so they can smoke these filthy butts without being observed. More terrible is the payment that many a boy will make for his cigarette. They take part in offences, of some of which you may have heard; of others, I trust which you have not.

"Every year my office receives notification of 2,500 children born to unmarried parents," Dr. Sorsoleil continued. "They are lovely children and we look after them, but it is the illegitimate parents that I am concerned with. How can we educate our young men and women along proper lines? Birth control aids are sold at the gates of the high schools. Agents for these devices are everywhere in our cities. They are peddled in front of factories, and in front of the Parliament Buildings.

"Cannot the church lead in a determined effort to educate young people and do something to remove this menace?" the speaker asked. "I feel intensely the need for it."

"Children see their parents, their preachers, their teachers smoking and they believe smoking is something manly and grown up. Soon they are getting an overdose of nicotine and eventually it gets to the stage where there is scarcely an offence in which boys and girls will not take part for a cigarette butt."

The deputy minister of welfare mentioned one boy whose football prowess and fine physique had made him wish that the boy was his own son, he said. Later, he said, he had learned that there was no offence to which the boy would not submit for a cigarette end.

"If we could solve this tobacco problem," he said, "I think 90 per cent of our difficulty would vanish."

He blamed motion pictures for "the encouragement of sex ideas, which bring sorrow, shame and disease."

"My wife says I am losing my smile," continued Mr. Sorsoleil. "Can you wonder at it? Not long ago, a girl, nine years old, was admitted to one of our schools. She had a disease of the worst type. Do you wonder I find it hard to smile?"

"We have thousands of boys and girls between 16 and 20 who have nothing to do—no clothes to wear and no place to go. All they ask is a job. Offer them training, or educational work, and they will say: "We want a job." What have we done for them? All we have given them are road camps at ten cents a day and keep. We are losing two or three generations."

—Canadian News.

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REPORT OF TAMPA, FLA., DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Tampa, Fla., district convention of the Church of God convened at Clearwater, Fla., Feb. 8-10. The first service was very well attended with every church on the district represented except one and sickness in the pastor's home prevented him from coming. After songs and prayers the welcome address was given by the writer. Response was given by Brothers Perry W. Hadsock, Joe Morgan, and Sister Bessie Lyles. The speaker for the evening service was Brother W. B. Sumner using as a subject "Christian Stability." This was a needy subject and very much enjoyed. The Lord's approval was on the first service and our hearts were made to rejoice.

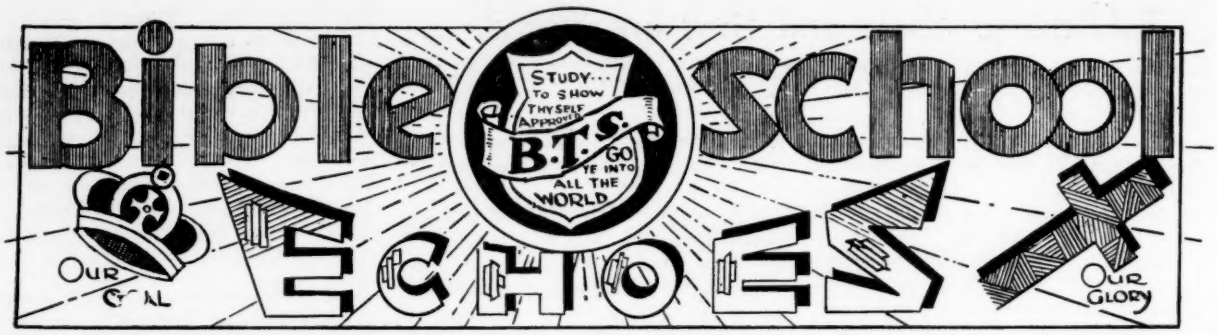
The next service was on Saturday morning and not so well attended because so many people had to work but the Lord met with us. Brother Drymon was the speaker, using as a subject, "Church Government" which Church of God people always enjoy because they are sticklers for the whole Bible.

Saturday afternoon there were questions and answers, instructions and general discussions which were enjoyed. We feel like it was a profitable service. Saturday night Brother George Lemons was the speaker, using as a subject "Future Conflicts of the Church" which was a timely message and to the point. The Lord was there to impress upon the hearts of the people the need of being prepared to battle against that which is trying to overthrow the Church.

Sunday morning at ten-thirty Brother W. M. Rumler spoke on "The Importance of Sunday School." He brought out many good points, showing the need, also the benefits derived from the Sunday School. At eleven o'clock Brother E. W. Williams brought the message on "Deeper Consecration" which we think is the need of the hour if we are to be able to meet the future conflicts of the Church. This was very impressive and the Lord set His approval on it. This was followed by the song, "Jesus Hold My Hand." There were shoutings and crying as the presence of the Lord hovered over us. I can still feel the spirit of that service as I write these lines.

At the noon hour dinner was spread and our physical bodies were fed. There were plenty of good things to eat and some left after the crowd was fed In the afternoon service the churches were called and gave some good reports. We had some real good singing by the choir during the convention and some good quartets by the Sulphur Springs and Clearwater quartets. We received a mission offering of $29.42 for the foreign mission work. Long live the memory of this convention. We feel the influence of it will do lasting good in Clearwater.

—H. L. Chesser, pastor.



MISSION TRIP TO DALTON, GA.

After the regular preaching service Friday afternoon, the Texas quartet of B. T. S. and I with Brother Albert Childers, left Cleveland for Dalton to help in the revival that was in progress, conducted by Brother Childers, a student. When we arrived a good, well-prepared supper was awaiting for us at Brother Green's home, the pastor. Of course we all enjoyed the feast, and when it was over we went to the church. The quartet gave us a few numbers, which I am sure every one present enjoyed. Some one then requested for Brother Aurelio to sing, so I did the best I could, giving the selection of "three in one"—three different languages in one song, with the hope that it would be a blessing. The service that night was more than a success, in spite of all the evil forces that are trying to hinder the work of God. After Brother Childers had delivered an inspiring message, about nine or ten came forward for prayer, which gave us lots of encouragement.

Saturday night we went to their Y. P. E. service and, not flattering nor trying to take too much time and space, but their Y. P. E. was one of the best I have ever seen. I think they have a membership of more than two hundred intelligent young boys and girls. This Y. P. E. is just two months old, organized by Brother Childers during this school term. They took an offering that night amounting to $7.28. Say, is not that a great help to the church! Stop and think a moment. Not only that but it helps spiritually. Little boys and girls are helped to live true and be shining lights for Christ in this dark world. Most times they are the means of other little ones finding the Savior. Come on, Y. P. E., let us show the world that there is a reality in serving the Lord, especially in these days and time in which we're living. I could say more, but to make it short will say, the Y. P. E. at Dalton is hard to beat. I hope, wish, and pray for others to do the same, and before school opens next year, prepare to send at least one of your Y. P. E. members to B. T. S. at Cleveland, Tenn. It will do you, everybody, and especially your church, good in the service of the Lord. Now after the Y. P. E. service, which was very uplifting to our souls, we started the evangelistic service with the quartet singing us a few good songs and the writer a three in one selection. This is one part of the service that I cannot express because it is beyond tongue to do so. Just read the second chapter of Acts and you will see how it appealed to us. There was nothing but the real manifestation of God's power bringing great conviction upon the unbelievers until one after another the sinners, standing or sitting, it made no difference, burst into tears, crying bitterly, and asking God to forgive them of their sins. Oh, what a wonderful time we had, forgetting the world for a second! Reader, I wish you could have been there. I think Saturday night was well spent and is on record in heaven. Tho it was what they call shopping time of the week, the church was packed to the door and people were on the outside looking in thru the windows. I was glad I was on the inside looking out.

Sunday morning we were at Sunday School. We had a very interesting lesson and all greatly enjoyed it. When it was over the quartet gave us a couple of numbers, after which the Philippine sailor boy gave his personal experience, from his homeland down to B. T. S., Cleveland, Tenn. About twelve o'clock all were dismissed. At two o'clock we went to the courthouse to a singing convention, in which we all took part. Some said the quartet singing was the best they ever heard. At six o'clock they were invited to sing at the Baptist church, which they did, and say, it was enjoyed! Then back to the church we went in time for service. Again they gave us lots of inspiring singing that was food to our souls. An offering was taken for them, amounting to $6.40, with a standing invitation to come back. Brother Childers brought us a message with zeal, inspiration, and power of the Holy Ghost, which brought conviction on the lost and undone sinner. The altar was full of sinners crying their way through to victory. I don't know the exact report of those who were saved, sanctified, and prayed thru, but I know there was a goodly number of them. The Lord is keeping a record of them.

Please pray for the work at Dalton. Pray for their pastor. God knows the burdens we bear but let's bear one another's burdens. Pray that God will bless our efforts for the Lord here in B. T. S. —Yours least of all in His service, Aurelio Tioaquen.

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MOST ENJOYABLE SCHOOL EVER ATTENDED

Dear Evangel readers, I take this privilege of expressing the gratitude that I feel and owe to God for the many blessings He has extended to me. I thank Him especially for being privileged to attend Bible School this term just passed. The school has been a means of great blessing to me, both spiritually and educationally. It has been the most enjoyable school term I have ever attended. I am convinced that it has also been the most beneficial.

We started our revival on the evening of March 20th. The Lord has been blessing from the very beginning and the second evening. God baptized four of the students,

including myself, with the precious Holy Ghost.

Pray for me that I will forever stay true to Him. It is my greatest desire to be in the center of His will at all times and always be ready to serve in the way He can best use me.—A brother in Christ, Alex. J. Sittner, Meadow, S. Dakota.

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WHAT A SURPRISE

Life is filled with them. The week of March 3-9 held added ones for Brother J. H. Walker. The greatest of these was a birthday dinner given in his honor by his relatives and friends and the student body of B. T. S. The affair was kept a secret and proved to be quite a surprise. Wednesday evening, March 6, Brother Walker was summoned from his office and he readily responded expecting to have to attend to added duties. Instead he entered a dining hall filled to overflowing, to be greeted by the merry group, to behold tables beautifully decorated with roses, jonquils, and ferns, and in the midst of one table an immense cake bearing thirty-five candles, the latter being donated by the American Baking Company of Chattanooga. To add more splendor to the scene Abel's Hardware and Kuhn's, local business houses, furnished dishes from their stocks. To his further surprise the group presented him with a Thompson Chain Reference Bible.

This type of surprises can come to each individual but once a year. To know fully the joy it afforded him can be better understood by a similar experience. The entire affair was enjoyed by all present.

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GOD WAS IN OUR MIDST IN DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Ft. Myers, Fla., district convention was held at Ft. Myers, Jan. 25-27. Brother E. W. Williams was in charge of the services. Sister Maggie Chesser gave the welcome address and responses were given by Sister Floyd O'Bannon, Sister Wiggins and Brother T. C. Messer. Brother B. L. Hicks, pastor of Arcadia church, brought the message, "Considering one Another," at this time. A large delegation from the churches was present. All pastors gave good reports of their work and expect to have all funds up to date on time to be on the honor roll at camp meeting.

Bro. Floyd O'Bannon brought a message on "The Need of the Hour" at the Saturday night service. Brothers R. S. Fussell and Wiggins gave talks on the Sunday School work at the Sunday School hour which were interesting. Brother E. W. Williams brought the message Sunday morning on "The Palm Tree Christian."

We had present with us Brother and Sister E. Haynes, state overseer and his wife of Ohio, and Brother and Sister T. C. Messer of Akron, Ohio. This convention was very inspiring and the presence of the Lord was with us in all the services for which we praise Him. Space will not permit a full report of the program but if Jesus tarries we are expecting a greater convention next year.

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MOULTRIE, GA., DISTRICT CONVENTION REPORT

Dear saints, just a note of praise to God for our successful convention which convened Feb. 8-10. The convention opened with the presence of the Lord. We had good singing, praying and praising the Lord after which a message from Brother J. P. Hughes, our state overseer, was given on "What it will Take to Go in the Rapture." He emphasized the fact that we would have to be living right up to the teachings of the Bible.

Saturday was a day of business. God blessed us in a wonderful way in our business. By this time we had a delegation from about six adjoining districts. Every one seemed to come in with the pep and power in their souls. Fifteen preachers were present by this time. Every one of them took a part and did some preaching which was enjoyed by all.

We met again Sunday and the presence of the Lord was still with us. The house was packed. We had good music, singing, shouting, and dancing. Oh, to say it was wonderful is putting it mild. We love our state overseer, Brother J. P. Hughes, and "our hands are to his back." We intend to co-operate with him in every way. When you have your prayer remember us. Hurry up, Brother Hughes, and all who visited us, and come back to see us.—J. A. Hipps, 11-Sixth St., Moultrie, Ga.

Requests

Please pray for God to heal me of T. B. of the lungs. Pray that He will show me why I can't get healed. I have been seeking for my healing twelve years. — Your brother, Ross Hill, Rt. 1, Abilene, Tex.

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Pray for me. If any one ever did need prayer, I do. I have about five special requests so don't forget to pray for me.—Mrs. W. A. Coster, Blacksburg, S. C.

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Pray that the Lord will heal me. The doctors said I would have to be operated on if I was ever well again but God can heal me.—Ella Collins, Thomasville, N. C.

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My baby was very sick but God touched her. She has a bad cough. Pray for me and for our little church here.—A sister, Mrs. Nora Harmon, Isola, Miss., Rt. 1, Bx. 23.

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Please pray for my sister-in-law to be healed of cancer of the stomach. Several doctors have given her up. The Lord has helped her lots. Pray that she will have more faith.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Rubye Wright, Graceville, Fla.

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I was very sick. Had gastritis and my whole body was deathly sick. After trying all kinds of remedies, I began trusting Jesus. I am better and can go from place to place and do my house work. Please pray that I may be perfectly healed as I sometimes feel a little touch of the same complaint. Pray that I may live devoted to the Master's service.—Nellie White, Pinfold Pen, Jamaica.

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We are very anxious for a church to be set in order here at Tabor, No. 2. The enemy has been busy since our last meeting but the Holy Spirit has too. Only a few have met together to pray but God has answered prayer. Please help us pray each morning for God to give us a church here and cause people to understand His Word. Pray for me to receive the blessed Holy Ghost and that I might be completely healed.—A sister, Mrs.

Walter Daughdrill, Rt. 1,Alabama City, Ala.

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Please pray for our meeting here. Sister Mollie Wilson is in charge. We haven't had a revival here for sometime but need one badly.—Your brother, L. S. Minnick, Belspring, Va.

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Please join me in prayer for my son-in-law who has gotten into trouble. He wants to be saved. Help his broken-hearted loved ones to hold him up to God in prayer. Pray that I might have grace to raise his little girl up in the way she should go. Her mother works out and cannot be with her much.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. H. M. Norton, Rt. 2, Ralston, Okla.

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Saints, please pray that God will undertake for me. I want a place to stay where I can be with the saints and be in services.—A friend.

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I especially praise God today for healing me of a bad case of flu and threatened pneumonia. Many times He has healed me and saved my unworthy life in accidents, for which I thank Him. Pray that I may be saved from the chains of sin, be sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost and be willing to do His will joyfully. — Hubert Howard.

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I have a special unspoken request for prayer. Please join with me in prayer that God will undertake in our behalf. Pray that the way will be opened for me to attend Church of God services as there isn't a Church of God nearer than Youngstown. Pray for my unsaved loved ones, also that I might receive the blessing.—Your humble sister, Mrs. A. Snyder, Erie, Pa.

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We have purchased a 20x40 foot tent and opened fire on the devil at Greenville, N. C. One has been sanctified. God is blessing. Please pray that He will lead us wherever we go with the tent.—Yours in His service, J. W. Watson, 1615 Broad St., Greenville, N. C.

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The Lord is blessing at Cramerton, N. C. Since the Assembly He has given us a new building, 36x 54 feet, thru the efforts of our pastor, Brother H. L. Sorrow. Brother J. C. Childers is here conducting a meeting. Several have received the blessing. Others are seeking. Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless.—Your brother in Christ, James Cannon.

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Please pray for the healing of my body. I have something wrong with my shoulder and neck. At times I can hardly move my arm or turn my head. Also pray that I might be healed of eczema. Pray for my mother who has been sick about two weeks. Pray for my brothers and sisters who are out in sin.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Mary Love, 514 Main St., Tennille, Ga.

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We are in a revival here at Jal. N. Mex. God is blessing. We are praying every morning from ten until eleven o'clock. Please join with us in prayer as this is a new oil field and there is lots of wickedness here but these big-hearted people will make good servants for God and His Church. Brother Henry from Texas is in charge.—John Sharp, pastor.

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Sister Rose Lucia is conducting a revival here. Six have been saved and backsliders reclaimed. Please pray for us here in Claysville. We want to go over the top for God.—R. H. Flinchum, pastor, Claysville, Pa.

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Please pray for this community There is no Church of God here Pray for my husband and me to stay humble and do something for Jesus. We are the only ones here that I know of who have the Holy Ghost. Pray for my people who are in sin, that God will save them. Pray for my father to be healed and saved. He is old and doesn't know the Lord. A sister in Christ, Thelma Thompson, Ameagle, W. Va.

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Dear brothers and sisters, pray that God will heal wife and me and keep us true and humble. Also pray for my father and brother who have a bad habit of drinking. —Your brother in Christ, Willie C. Holdaway, Fox, Va.

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God has been blessing the church at Perry, Okla., but we are still hungering for a revival. Pray that a great revival will sweep this way soon. We want to see a great outpouring of the Spirit. Also pray that God will give us a larger building. Pray for our pastor, Brother Hoggett, who has been afflicted in body this winter.—Your brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs Fred Nelson, Rt. 2, Perry, Okla.

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I am very sick. Will you pray that God will touch my body that I can win more souls for Him this year than ever. Pray for our church at Paint Fork, N. C., that God will send an old time revival and save people.—Your sister, Mrs. John Maney.

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Pray for the revival at the Church of God mission at Thomasville, Ga., with G. B. Langford, state evangelist, doing the preaching. Pray that a church can be set in order here.—Your brother, Henry Stephen, 213 Grady St., Thomasville, Ga.

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Dear readers, pray that God will undertake for me. I want to be on the field of labor.—Your brother, E. E. Malone, Woodsboro, Tenn.

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NOTICE

In 1933 Brother W. R. Anderson came to Harco, Ill., and ran a revival, assisted by the saints from Carrier Mills. It was a wonderful meeting. Wife and I went to see and hear and soon decided that the Church of God had something we did not have. We began to seek for the baptism and thank God, the Holy Ghost came and spoke for Himself. I believe God sent the meeting for wife and me to get the baptism. There seems to be some misunderstanding somewhere. If I have done or said anything to bring a reproach on the Church, God knows my heart and I am sorry and ask all the good brethren to forgive me. I love the Church of God. It is the bride of Christ and I surely want to be a member of the bride. I want my robe to be spotless that's why I'm making this announcement. I mean by the help of God to be ready when He comes. I asked God to guide my pen while I wrote this and I feel that I have done my duty. Pray for me to always be on the firing line for Jesus.—Sincerely, your brother, W. D. Swartz, Thompsonville, Ill.

(Note: Brother Stanley Joplin, not knowing your address to write you, please accept the above as a personal apology.)

MISSIONS

CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA, MEXICO EN ROUTE TO CENTRAL AMERICA

In our last article, written from the little town of Santa Ana (Holy Anna), I was just winding up my two-days' visit and had come from the secret place of prayer on the back side of the desert where I encountered a sad, silent group of men engaged in digging a grave to receive the body of a neighbor lady who had just passed on. Pausing a moment to drop a kind word of greeting, I noticed some boys merrily at play among the fallen-down tombstones, while a couple of calves were helping themselves to what few green twigs there were, including the floral offerings left behind by faithful friends and relatives, and altho many of the grave markers bore an inscriptoin in Spanish, admonishing the dead, "Descansar en paz" (To rest in peace), one would question the possibility of even the physical dead resting in peace in this dark land, especially in view of the report that the God-hating communists had begun taking down the crosses in the cemeteries farther to the south.

Leaving these scenes of the dead behind, we next find ourselves in the midst of a living, surging mass of humanity gathered about the depot. The night is coming on as the fast express rounds the curve with a few shrill blasts of the whistle and comes to a stop with the screaking of brakes. The rattle of spurs, the flapping of leather breeches, etc., is heard as the local constabulary dismount from their horses and take their places along the platform, while from within the train may be heard the rattle of sabers and the clatter of muskets as the soldier guards are in line to guard the passengers on and off cars. Don't push! "Shove!" seemed to be the order of the day, while suitcases and various kinds of bundles were passed in and out thru the open windows, as a bedlam of strange voices arise from the crowd without as this one and that rushes hither and thither in search of a buyer for his products which are offered for sale to the passengers, a colorful scene with many of them wearing the conventional "big hats," snod in barefoot sandals and wrapped to the eyes in blankets and shawls depicting many shades of color.

The scene changes again once we are aboard and we are off on our four-hours' ride to Hermosillo, the capital of the "red" state of Sonora. Every click of the car wheels passing over the rail joints seems to say, "Jesus is coming soon, get ready." I was made to think of the question asked in Luke 18:8, "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" I dare to believe there will be as much faith found in Mexico as in the United States, in proportion to the amount of real teaching had in the two countries, for not a few of the faithful followers of Jesus, yes Catholics, have sealed their testimony with their own blood in recent months in Mexico. and let us bear this in mind, "Ye have not yet resisted unto blood striving against sin," Heb. 12:4.

In Hermosillo

Hermosillo (Little Beauty) is a lovely city of about 25,000 population and is made famous by its rose gardens, groves of date-producing palms, orange groves, beautiful parks, cathedral and Spanish-moorish architecture. All the churches are closed at this place, including the one and only evangelical church which has been turned into a "red" meeting place. We at one time had a number of believers here but they are few in number now and scattered, so there was little that I could do. I spent three days here and was lodged in the home of Senor Don Luis Aquilar Pelaez, who took me on a tour of the city by foot, visiting many places of interest, giving me a chance to check up on conditions.

One place I noticed in particular was the "casa del pueblo" (the house of the people), an ultra-modern recreation unit built by the "reds"—in all probability to replace the church and its services. It included a theatre, dance floors and swimming pools for all ages and classes; baseball, in fact, most every kind of game is indulged in, etc. They seem to take pride in displaying the red and black flag. Time and space will not permit a detailed account of our visit to the penitentiary, but I was told confidentially of some of the terrible things which had occurred in the past, how the political "big bosses" would herd their opposers into the dungeons beneath the prison where many lost their reason and died from disease, with others dispatched by the firing squad—a more humane method. We were shown thru the place of execution where those found guilty of a crime calling for capital punisnment, are stood against a white-washed brick wall before a firing squad consisting of ten soldiers. Five of them fire the first volley thru the chest of the victim, which is usually enough; the other five just stand by in case they are needed to complete the job. The bullet scarred wall, tho white-washed over, stood as mute evidence of what had transpired in the past.

We took a climb to the top of rocky "Cerro Campana" (Bell Peak), so-called because some of the larger stones when smitten by smaller ones produce sounds similar to the ringing of bells. The view from this point was very inspirational and quite in contrast since one could see down into the death chamber of the prison at the foot of the mountain. Then there were the beautiful parks with flowers and fruits beyond description. One might compare the scene with the Biblical description of heaven and hell. I was made to think of the words uttered by Jesus as recorded in Matt. 23:37-39 where He looked out over Jerusalem the "great, but wicked beauty" of His day, and cried, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem." May we not say, "O Hermosillo, Hermosillo"?

On To Cuidad Obregon

Leaving Hermosillo the route led across the great Sonoran desert, a wide strip of coastal plain with the Gulf of Lower California to the west, with the rugged Sierra Madre (Mother Mountains) sweeping southward on the east almost the entire length of the republic. Ciudad Obregon (Obregon City) is six hours out by fastest train, and is situated in the Rio Yaqui Valley with nearly a million acres under irrigation, with many more thousands to be improved. Here are raised vegetables in abundance of the best kind.

Many grains are raised here, such as rice, wheat, etc. It is also a great citrus producing center, orange, etc. It is a thriving town of about 20,000 inhabitants, and while it is the headquarters for our mission work in Mexico, it is also a communist stronghold.

As this is getting lengthy I will give an account of my visit here in a later article.—Your brother in His service, J. H. Ingram.

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Editorials

leaders of the communist party is it possible to liberate the country."

Such were some of the startling statements made in the august inner sanctum of the communistic party. But no voices were raised to utter them. Instead they were scribbled anonymously on scraps of paper and reached the chairman.

When Kaganovitch arose at the congress and read reprovingly some of the menacing notes addressed from the floor to Stalin, there was a general commotion. None of the deputies expected the matter to go beyond the gesture of reproof.

But Stalin did not let the matter rest there. The handwriting of all the deputies present was compared with those of the threatening notes. Two deputies were identified as the authorities of two of the offensive missives, and were promptly arrested.

Signs are accumulating that that powerful organization is divided from top to bottom. A number of communist groups conspiring against the Stalin rule were uncovered shortly before the Kirov murder, according to the Znamya Rossi (Banner of Russia), organ of the Peasant Labor Party, operating underground in Russia. The desired Utopian state built upon Christlessness and self agrandizement is showing signs of topling before it reaches stability.

IN TOUCH WITH THE DIVINE

UNION, S. C.—The first time I heard holiness preached was in a little store building at the Union cotton mill village in January. 1932. As I went to meeting and heard the preacher preach and saw the people shouting I knew I did not have what those people had. I went to the altar and got saved and sanctified and a month later I received the Holy Ghost. I have been working for the Lord ever since.

I would like to say to every reader, don't say, "I can't," say, "I will try." When I joined The Church of God at Union, 1932, we only had a few members and all seemed to be very poor. We had a store building rented and my wife and I bought peanuts by the bushel, parched them and sold them at five cents a bag in the mill. We have gone to the mill—sleet and snow—working for The Church of God, to pay the rent. We also sold candy. We got fifteen or twenty dollars in the treasury and worked on until we finished our new church that cost $1600.00. Every spare minute I had I worked on the building and I can say God blessed me for all I did. I love the Church of God with all my heart. I enjoy the blessings that come from God.

On Jan. 1, 1935, there was only one reader of the Evangel in Union. I saw where people could get the Evangel at two cents a copy so I wanted to do something for God's cause. I would like to get the Evangel in every home I can. I have sold the Evangel to sinners. My prayers are that in some way I can get God's Word to others. If people have time to read other papers they can read the Evangel at two cents a week. God put it on my heart to help a Church of God preacher, to send the Evangel to her every week. Readers, get busy and let's get God's Word to every one we can. After you read your old paper hand it to some one else. I want every child of God to pray for me that I may do God's will at all times.—Your brother in Christ, E. M. Fincher, 16 Spring St.

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WAS PRIVILEGED TO ATTEND NORTHWEST BIBLE SCHOOL

Dear Evangel readers: I'm so glad for this privilege to try to express my thanks to the Lord for all He has done for me. Praise His name! Our Lord is a prayer-answering God. He made it possible for me to attend Bible School in Lemmon. It seemed impossible to me that I should be able to go but with God all things are possible. The Lord surely blessed in our midst and I know He was pleased with our efforts. I can truthfully say those were the happiest six weeks I have ever spent in my life. A young person's time could not be better spent than in preparing himself or herself for the service of the Master. We surely need to be better versed in the Word of God, in these last and closing days, when the enemy is working so hard to deceive the people. So many false doctrines are coming into existence that it behooves each one of us, as bearers of the cross, to be able to distinguish right from wrong. We young Christians of today have a sacred burden to carry and if Jesus tarries it is our duty and privilege to tell this sinful world the full gospel of Jesus Christ.

We were blessed to have Brother Denson and Brother Griffard as our music instructors and Brother F. W. Lemons as Bible Instructor. I enjoyed immensely the Bible study, learning about Paul on His journeys, Revelation, and doctrine. Perhaps it was learning a system of studying that will help us most in our study of the Bible in the future. My only regret was that more young people could not attend our Bible and Music Academy in the Northwest, but trust that many more will be able to attend in Minot next year, D. V. Let us pray much and be on fire for Jesus until that day when He comes or calls for His own.—A sister in Canada, Edith Miller.

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REQUESTS

I am asking special prayer for Mr. Morris Watson of Anna, Tex., who has cancer of the stomach. He knows that God is his only hope. Also pray for Mrs. Lloyd Francis of Dorchester, Tex., who has pneumonia.—Yours in the Lord, Virgil Easley, Dorchester, Tex.

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Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for my mother. She is past fifty years of age and we all think she has appendicitis. Pray for my eyes as they are weak and for my strength in the Lord.—Your humble sister, Flauda Inebnit, Otter Creek, Fla.

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Dear saints, I have a very special request for prayer. Please pray until God answers. — Mrs. Ida Lipscomb, Salem, W. Va.

NOTICES

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dred praying men and women who will covenant with me to pray one hour each day, and fast as much as you will, from the day that you read this notice until the fourth Sunday in April, 1935, for the healing of Sister Stella Leddon, Route A, North, Ponce De Leon, Fla., of T. B. Sister Leddon has the Holy Ghost and is a member of the Church of God. She has a wonderful experience. When we pray, the power falls and she praises God and the Holy Ghost witnesses thru her, but she doesn't gather strength to be healed. Jesus said, "This kind cometh out but by prayer and fasting." Again, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything, it shall be done for them of my heavenly Father." The whole church was praying when Peter was delivered from prison. Will you join us? If so, write Sister Leddon a card telling her you saw this notice and that you are praying for her. See address above.—Faithfully, T. P. Douglas, district pastor.

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The church at Graves Chapel wants to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Clay Brown, Minnie Brown, Elmore Gaskin, Emma Gaskin. If not heard from by April 6, their names will be dropped from the roll.—H. F. Davis, clerk; B. H. Smith, pastor, Rt. 1, Troy, Tenn.

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We are in a good revival in Thomasville, Ga. Five have been saved, four sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. From fifteen to twenty-three are in the altar. The Lord is blessing. This is a new place but we are expecting to set a church in order before we leave. We need altar workers and your prayers. You neighboring churches come over and help us. Service begins at eight o'clock. Pray that we will do God's will. The harvest is ripe and laborers few. If you need a revival, let us hear from you. You can reach us any time thru our home address.—G. B. Langford, state evangelist of Georgia, Fitzgerald, Ga.

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If any one knows the whereabouts of Sister Josephine (Walke) Neshem, please get in touch with me.—Clifton C. Rains, 1612 S. Walnut, Coffeyville, Kans.

A wonderful revival is on in Macon, Ga. The Holy Ghost has full charge. A goodly number have prayed thru. The church is on fire for God. Old time power is falling and the altar is full every service. We have just started. — Graham Oglesby, pastor.

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We are starting a revival at the Church of God, No. 2, Walhalla, S. C. Brother R. G. Looney, our State S. S. Supt., will have charge of the meeting. We will have the Walhalla district Sunday School convention March 21 here at church No. 2. We give everybody a hearty invitation to come and be with us. Every one please pray for the revival.—Your humble servant, Levy Miller, pastor.

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To whom it may concern: Those who have been duly appointed in conference in the Davisboro district are as follows: Melvin Smith, Downs; J. A. Hitchcock. Oconee; Toombs Bridges, Edgehill.—Your brother, V. E. Hooks, district pastor, Smith St., Tennille, Ga.

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The Church of God at Shorts Creek wishes to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Jiles Hutchin and Sarah Dalton by next conference, April 21.—A. L. White, clerk, Foster Falls, Va.

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There will be a home coming at Shorts Creek Church of God Mar. 31. We hope all the members will make a special effort to be there. All the churches in the district are invited to come and enjoy a feast of good things from the Lord. Everybody welcome.—A. L. White, clerk.

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I am in a revival at Latexo, Tex. You Church of God folks coming this way stop and help me out. Pray for me. Two have been saved. —Oscar Gates, Latexo, Tex.

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The quarterly conferences for the churches on the Waycross district will be held as named below, D. V.: April 1, Satilla Harbor; Apr. 2, Homerville: April 3, Waycross; April 4, Waresboro; April 5, Bachlott; April 6, Offerman. We would like very much for the members of each of the said churches to be there at the date given above as we have some important matters to take up.—Yours for Him, Jas. S. Roberts, district overseer.

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The Columbia district convention will convene at the Church of God on Cedar Heights, Lancaster, Ohio, May 3-5, D. V. We are expecting our state overseer and wife to be with us. Pastors, please have all rulings 100 per cent at this time. Close your services and attend this convention. Pray that the Lord will have His way and make it a success.—Your servant, H. L. Dillinger, district overseer, Rt. 4, Jackson, Ohio.

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The Blantons Grove district convention will convene at Blantons Grove church, D. V., beginning Friday night before the fourth Sunday in April, the 26th, and continuing thru the 28th. There will be all-day service Sunday. Brother J. P. Hughes, state overseer, will be in charge. We invite all neighboring churches and members. Pray for the success of the convention. All churches in the district are expected to bring a report of their work.—John J. Floyd, district pastor, Jesup, Ga.

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This is to notify the people of Birmingham district that our convention will convene at Jonesboro, beginning Friday night before the second Sunday in April. We are planning a revival to follow. We are asking all churches to have a special prayer Sunday, April 7, for the convention. All those coming to stay thru the convention, please notify us at once so we can be making arrangements to care for you. Every one is invited and welcome. Remember the date, April 12.—Yours for Christ, W. E. Hodo, 617 Bryant St., Bessemer, Ala.

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NOTICE

To the churches and district pastors of Georgia: This is to announce some of our district conventions, also our state convention: Augusta district, March 22-24, at Augusta; Cairo district, Mar. 29-31 at Cairo; Calhoun district, April 5-7 at Calhoun; Rome district, April 12-14 at Rome; Fitzgerald district, April 19-21 at Fitzgerald; Blanton Grove district, April 26-29 at Blanton Grove; Piney Grove district, May 3-5 at Piney Grove; Atlanta district, May 10-12 at Atlanta; State Convention, May 17-19 at Macon; Davisboro district, May 24-26, place to be announced later; Cedartown district, May 31-June 2 at Cedartown; Statesboro district, June 7-9, place to be announced later; Hartwell district,

June 14-16 at Hartwell; Clayton district, June 21-23 at Clayton; Blairsville district, June 28-30, place to be announced later.

District overseers who have not set the date for their conventions, should do so and notify the churches. We will be glad to hear from you in regard to your convention. Remember that May 17-19 inclusive is the date for the state convention at Macon. There should be no district convention or revivals going on that date. Every minister in the state will be expected to attend the state convention. We trust that all the churches will see that their pastors are supplied with money for their transportation. Do not forget that each district overseer must solicit money and produce to be used to feed those who attend the convention. Churches that do not have money, can send any kind of produce that can be cooked and eaten. With only a few weeks before us, it is time to begin to collect money and produce for the convention. Send all offerings for this purpose to Graham Oglesby, Bx. 555, Macon, Ga.

We have secured a large tent to be used for a kitchen and dining room and the committee plans to give free entertainment to delegates who attend the convention.

There will be space in the program for each district overseer to give a report of the work on his district. Remember the Bible says, "A good report maketh fat the bones." We trust that each overseer will be able to report that each church on his respective district has gone over the top in every department of their work. We hope to hear that each church in the several districts has raised their mission quota, the 40c per member for the general indebtedness, the 10c per member for the aged ministers; that each church has a mission box, a Sunday School and a Young People's Endeavor. We want each local Y. P. E. to report to the state secretary so he can give a good report to the convention. Report to Ira Meadows, Alma, Ga.

We have held several conventions in the state already and visited a number of the churches and we find that the work is moving on nicely. Great revivals have been reported in different parts of the state. Everywhere we have gone in our many miles of travel over the state, we find the saints are encouraged and looking for the greatest convention Georgia has ever had. Remember the date is May 17-19, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The introductory service will be on Thursday night and the convention will open Friday morning, May 17. For further information write Graham Oglesby, Box 555, Macon, Ga.—Yours very truly, J. P. Hughes.

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DO ALL SPEAK WITH TONGUES

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tenth chapter the commission is given unto the twelve, also in Mark 6:7-13 and Luke 9:1, 2, which should be compared with the commission of the seventy in Luke 10:1-24.

Both the "twelve" and "seventy" performed the duties of this commission while Jesus was here, "in his name." But after He ascended it was done by the power of the Holy Spirit, which had been sent from the Father, in His name. And it was for this purpose and power they were commanded to "tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." The word for "endued" is the Gr. "enduo" which means, to enter, to put on, to clothe, to be invested with power or authority, which is contained in the word used for authority, in giving the commission, which is Gr. "exousean."

The waiting disciples received this power of the Holy Spirit, on the day of Pentecost. And you have noticed in the commission it was given to the seventy also, who helped to make up the one hundred and twenty that tarried for the Holy Ghost in the "upper room."

And on the day of Pentecost they began Gr. "erksan" to speak with "other tongues," i. e. they began what was to follow "them that believe." The Greek word used for "shall follow" is "par-akolouthasi" which is the future, indicative, passive voice of the verb "follow." Its definition is, "to follow after," so to follow on as to be always at His side, to follow close, to accompany. The word is made up from the Greek preposition "para" meaning, that the thing proceeds from the vicinity of one, or from one's own sphere of power, and the Greek word "akoloutheo" which means, to follow, to follow as a disciple, to imitate.

Like the Greek word "para-klatos" used of Jesus in reference to "Comforter," which means, one called alongside to help. The paraklatos of John 14:16 is the enduement of power of Luke 24:49 which gives the power and authority that is invested in any one who may demonstrate such signs, as is mentioned in Mark 16:17, and since others than the apostles received the Holy Ghost and that authority is the presence of the Holy Ghost, it does away with any idea that these signs may not follow in the future, nor others than the twelve.

The idea is contained that "these signs" shall always abide with the "anointed ones," and its basis is the faith of "them that believe."

"So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen." Mark 16:19, 20.

Here it is expressly stated that "they" went forth, and preached everywhere and that everywhere they preached, the Lord confirmed the Word with signs following.

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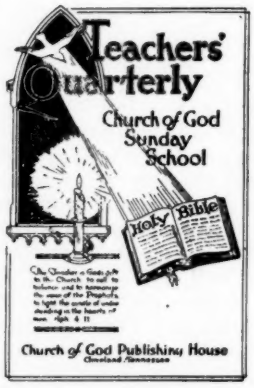

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a floodlight on the lesson text and surrounding events. If it is helping others it would help you as a teacher and the class as a result. If it is a help you can not afford to be without it. Order a copy and see for yourself.

What signs? Some would say all but tongues, however Jesus said "these signs" and "tongues" is second in the list. And that they did follow is certain, as is seen in the falling of the Holy Ghost upon the Gentiles, as in Acts 10:46," For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God."

They magnified God when they spake with tongues. Magnify means to make a thing look larger. Surely God is pleased with that which reveals His greatness. And this certainly is a disparaging occurrence to those that claim "tongues was only for the disciples that had believed on Jesus before He ascended."

I notice some are so anxious to do away with "tongues" they contend that it was fulfilled at Pentecost, and was only needed for the first establishment of the faith. They might as well say "my mother was a Christian, and that takes me in also." If it was for the establishment of the faith in the early age of the church, perhaps if more people had it today, there would be more permanence of faith, to offset the tremendous apostasy we see almost everywhere.

That "these signs" were for more than the apostles, is further evidenced by the fact, that healing was one of the signs. And we find recorded in the Epistle of James 5: 14, "Is any sick among you, let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick."

Here is the formula for healings, which is positive proof of the permanency of its place in the church. And that it works today as then, is attested by multiplied thousands of witnesses. And of course while those that oppose the Pentecostal baptism of the Holy Ghost refuse "other tongues" many of them claim gifts of healing, and pray for the sick. Thus they take one or the signs, which they contend was only of a transient nature, and make it permanent.

It seems as if they may but do away with "other tongues." They do not care if they cross themselves in a thousand different ways, and yet they will cry "consistency is a jewel."

Then while they try to claim the signs were only to follow the early disciples, which were with Jesus before Pentecost, along comes Paul saying, "I thank God I speak with tongues more than ye all," and that he was one of the greatest in healings, is more fully proven by his own ministry in the Acts of the apostles throughout. And many others along with those that came in later than Pentecost have been blessed with a like ministry of healings.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

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MISCELLANEOUS ORPHANAGE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

Church, 2001 Main St., St. Joseph, Mo. — 12 towels, 3 wash clothes.

Dollie Lake Sunday School, Tutwiler, Miss.—1 quilt.

Ladies Aid, Monarat, Va.—1 quilt.

E. C. Stacy, Wheelwright, Ky.—8 1-2 yards dress prints.

H. W. Litton, Coeburn, Va.—1 pen tablet, 2 bars soap, 1 spool thread, 1 box sugar, 2 small bags candy.

Note: The things listed "name unknown" in January report were sent by Sister Rosie Tumlinson, McCamey, Tex.

We would appreciate it if our people who send in packages for the homes would please make a list of the things they send and pin to something so it won't be misplaced. Also please state whether it is from the church or individual. We do our best to avoid mistakes and if you will help us by doing this it will be greatly appreciated.

Several of our people have asked us to mention the things most needed in the home. We appreciate anything that is sent but will mention some things most needed at the present: Boys' work shirts, sizes from six to eighteen years, summer underwear for boys. Good clothing which children have outgrown will be appreciated. Many times we get in children who are bare for clothing and if we could have this kind of clothes ready to use it would be very helpful, as it takes quite a lot to keep so many in clothes for school and everyday wear. We ask your prayers that God will give us wisdom and strength to care for them.

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(Written the next morning after we buried our little girl)

The nights are long, and sad, and lonely,
Our tears won't cease to flow;
Bowed down in grief and loads of sorrow,
Oh, how our hearts doth long to go!

Our minds run back to other days,
When sunshine filled the home;
But now 'tis sad and we must weep
And cry and pray, and stay at home.

Our friends are kind and good and true,
But they must stay away;
The law has said since Ruth is dead,
There is danger by the way.

So here we are within the walls
Of the little place called home;
We wonder now while here we stay,
How long we'll have to roam.

This place down here on Walker Street,
In good old Cleveland, Tennessee,
Seems very sad and lonely now
Since precious Ruth we cannot see.

Our tears still flow and we don't know
How long we here must stay;
Our earthly friends are still without,
But the Holy Ghost is here today.

We see our neighbors as they pass by,
They look within and heave a sigh,
They halt a moment and then pass on,
And say to each other, "Hear them cry."

We are doing our best to look above
To Christ in Glory and His great love;
We need His presence and grace and power,
And all His help in this sad hour.

Two little girls from the orphanage came
Bringing a message in Jesus' name,
It was of love so kind and true,
"If I only could I would visit you."

Our thoughts last night were on "Fort Hill,"
Where we left our darling child;
We could not sleep, we had to weep,
And, oh, we felt so wild!

But we looked away to the land of day,
And Jesus seemed to say,
It won't be long to watch and pray,
And all the dark will turn to day.

The trump shall sound, the dead shall rise,
When Jesus Christ shall split the skies;
We'll meet again our darling Ruth,
And praise His name for this great truth.

Somewhere today beyond the river
Our precious child with Christ forever,
Clapping her hands and skipping in glory;
Lord, help me to sing and tell the sweet story.

Somehow or other I can't understand,
But one thing I know, I'll heed His command,
Live humble and lowly, and true to Him stand,
And by His great help, be a better man.

—T. S. PAYNE.

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I've been sick for over a week. Please pray for me.—Thomas G. Evans, Rt. 2, Adamsville, Ala.